



Docket No.: 1293.1781

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Hwan-guem KIM et al.

Serial No. 10/625,900

Group Art Unit: 2852

Confirmation No. 1198

Filed: July 24, 2003

Examiner: Robert B. BEATTY

For: FUSING DEVICE FOR AN ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE FORMING  
APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed with an RCE, in response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on January 12, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of time is concurrently filed herewith, thereby extending the response due date to March 12, 2006.

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with the RCE, rather than with an After Final Amendment, as applicants anticipated the Examiner would not enter the below amendments after the issued Final Office Action, e.g., because of the same raising new issues. Accordingly, with the filing of the RCE and this Preliminary Amendment, a new non-final Office Action is requested with the Examiner's next review.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.